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The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Knowledge we ask not  
Knowledge Thou hast lent  
But Lord, the will  
There lies our bitter need  
Give us to build above the deep intent  
The deed; the deed!—Drinkwater.

Dear God, help us to put into action what we believe. You have made faith and works inseparable. Application of our convictions is our challenge. Help us to apply the absolutes of our faith. We believe in You as Sovereign of this Nation; strengthen our wills to seek and do Your will. Our motto is "In God we trust"; help us really to trust You in the specific decisions we must make today. Particularly, we ask for Your guidance in our decision about the extent of our involvement in Bosnia. We believe You have called us here to serve; help us to be servant-leaders distinguished by diligence. We affirm Your presence, we accept Your love, we rejoice in Your goodness, we receive Your guidance, and we praise Your holy name. Amen.

### RESERVATION OF LEADERSHIP TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### EXPRESSING OPPOSITION OF CONGRESS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PLANNED DEPLOYMENT OF GROUND FORCES TO BOSNIA

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, H.R. 2606 will now be laid aside and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] will be recog-

nized to submit a Senate concurrent resolution. The able Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Thank you, Mr. President. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 35) expressing the opposition of the Congress to President Clinton's planned deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, this is a very simple resolution. It is the Hutchison-Inhofe resolution that says, very simply, we oppose President Clinton's decision to deploy American troops into Bosnia.

The second part is also very simple. It says we support the troops of our country 100 percent.

Congress must exercise its responsibility under the Constitution. We must say "no" when there is a bad decision that will cost American lives. Congress has not been consulted. Congress has not authorized this deployment. It is not an emergency.

The President is talking about a year. Congress should not authorize any deployment of troops that will put them in harm's way for a 1-year period.

This is not within the parameters of the NATO agreement. I have a copy of the NATO agreement here with me. If any Member of the U.S. Senate can show me the provision in this agreement that somehow makes it our responsibility to send troops into a civil war in a country that is not a NATO country, I invite them to come to the floor and do that.

Mr. President, it is not there. The NATO treaty is a mutual defense pact among nations that were trying to make sure that we would have the ability to repel a large and onerous foreign invader. There is no such potential foreign invader for our NATO countries and, therefore, rather than run around the world and react to crisis upon crisis where there is not a U.S. security threat, it is time for us to look at NATO and our agreement and make it strong by planning ahead, by having a strategic vision about what is needed now to make Europe stable.

America wants to be part of making Europe stable, but, Mr. President, going into a civil war in Bosnia is not the way to make Europe stable. The way to make Europe stable is to help the people of Bosnia by making sure there is parity, by making sure that the people are able to defend themselves, but not to put United States troops on the ground.

I am just going to end this morning by quoting from a letter that I got from one of my constituents, and I think it really sums it up:

I remain to be convinced that we have a greater moral obligation to the Bosnians than we do to our own soldiers and their families.

Mr. President, this is a bad decision, and it is the responsibility of Congress to fulfill our constitutional duty to say, "No, Mr. President. Come to us. Let's discuss it before you deploy American troops. Sending them to Haiti without our authorization, expanding the mission in Somalia without our authorization has not worked, and sending our troops to Bosnia without our authorization will not work."

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

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